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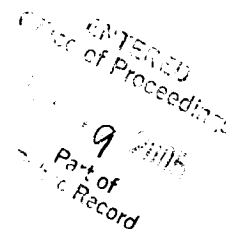
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 251X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company -  
Abandonment Exemption - At Edenton, NC, In Chowan County, NC

Dear Mr. Williams:

In a decision in the subject docket served August 20, 2004, the Board imposed certain environmental consultation conditions and a Section 106 historic preservation process condition on Norfolk Southern Railway Company's ("NSR") abandonment of a 0.33-mile out-of-service railroad line between approximately milepost NS-73.67 and milepost NS-74.00 at Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina.

NSR recently provided the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office with additional information, maps and photos with respect to this line and the trestle over Queen Anne Creek that was completely rebuilt in 1975 and still remains in place. NSR has received an April 8, 2005 letter from the SHPO in response to the additional information and material. That letter, a copy of which is attached hereto, states that in view of the information that was provided, the SHPO concurs "that the project will have no effect on historic resources." We trust this response will be sufficient to complete the NHPA Section 106 process in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

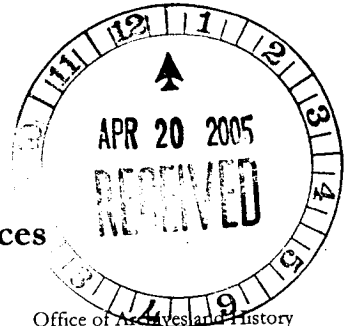
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Enclosure



North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources  
State Historic Preservation Office

Peter B. Sandbeck, Administrator

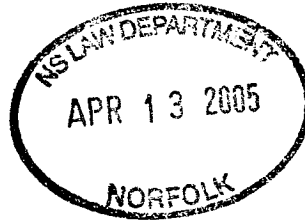


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April 8, 2005

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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-Np. 251X), Abandonment of .33 Miles of Rail Line Between Milepost 73.67 and Milepost 74.00 in Edenton, Chowan County, ER 04-1434 and ER 05-0592

Dear Mr. Paschall:

Thank you for your letter of March 30, 2005, concerning the above project.

We have reviewed the information you provided and concur that the project will have no effect on historic resources. Therefore, we have no comment on the project as proposed.

In light of the project's complexity, we recommend that in the future, Norfolk-Southern hire a professional architectural historian when historic properties are involved in undertakings. We will be happy to provide you with a list of professionals who have worked with railroad projects in North Carolina.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-733-4763. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

Peter Sandbeck

cc: Ann-Marie Knighton  
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